

Cattle Drivin', Cowboys A-Ropin', Crafts Galore and Country Music Will Highlight Annual Buckeye Days Celebration Jan. 25-27 in Historic Downtown Buckeye

The annual celebration of Buckeye's heritage will be complete with a cattle drive, carnival rides and cowboys participating in a two-day rodeo – all with the sounds of country music wafting through the air – during Buckeye Days Friday through Sunday, Jan. 25-27.

Doug Strong, Buckeye's special events coordinator, said a special mystery dinner theater presentation of "Who Shot the Sheriff?," an interactive/entertaining show will have the audience on the edge of their seats as they attempt to solve the mystery.

Tickets, at \$20 each or two for \$35, can be purchased at the Dr. Saide Recreation Center, 1003 E. Eason Ave., from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"The dinner theater kicks off the weekend events, but one of the other highlights, the main street cattle drive that begins at 10 a.m. along Monroe Avenue, will be very exciting and will start the Buckeye Days parade," Strong said.

The Sixth Street Plaza in downtown Buckeye will be the scene of food, crafts and informational vendor booths from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, the 28th. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. there, pony rides, a petting zoo, a mechanical bull and zip line, as well as face painting will be available with live country music, featuring the group "Young Country."

An old-time western children's puppet show will entertain from noon to 1 p.m. that day.

Starting at 2 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday, hundreds of cowboys will be competing in several events at the Senior Pro Rodeo at the Buckeye Equestrian Center, 10300 S. Miller Road.

The rodeo, which is a 70-year tradition in the Town of Buckeye, had its beginnings on the local ranches and is an important part of the town's heritage. This year's rodeo promises to again bring that excitement and continue the legacy of fun family entertainment.

For more information about the weekend rodeo events and parade, contact the Buckeye Main Street Coalition, 623-386-6122.

"We expect many people to come throughout the weekend to engage in a variety of activities being offered in celebration of Buckeye's heritage," Strong added.

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